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REPORT  
OF THE  
**SELECTMEN, TREASURER**

— AND —

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

— OF THE —

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON, N. H.**

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

ENDING MARCH, 1st, 1876.

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NEWMARKET, N. H.:  
ROCKINGHAM ADVERTISER STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.  
1876.



## SELECTMENS' REPORT.

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### RECEIPTS.

Received of Amos T. Rowe, collector for 1870,	\$ 13 06
A. G. M. Titcomb,     " 1871,	3 93
B. F. Austin,         " 1872,	6 77
S. B. Austin,         " 1873,	144 17
C. D. Wadleigh,      " 1874,	150 00
C. D. Wadleigh,      " 1875,	5418 16
State Treasurer, savings bank tax,	124 01
" Railroad tax,	29 49
" Literary fund,	43 43
" Interest on State bonds,	12 33
Premium on State bonds sold,	30 00
Joseph N. Austin, rent for the Gardner Green house	19 79
C. E. Tuck, for use of Town House,	8 00
Town Treasurer, for 1874, in State bonds,	1000 00
Town Treasurer, in cash,	1131 57
John W. Gove, bondsman for S. B. Austin, collector for 1873, the balance due the town from the said collector	545 60
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	\$8680 31

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$808 00
County tax,	752 25
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	\$1560 25

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Harrison Rowe, Prudential Committee for District No. 1,	\$361 15
Samuel Lamprey, Prudential committee for District No. 2,	385 85
Harrison Rowe, Prudential committee, for Dis. No. 1, for school house purposes,	85 00
Samuel Lamprey, Prudential committee for Dis. No. 2, for school house purposes,	650 00
Carrie S. Dickson, services as superintend- ing school committee, part of the year 1875,	10 00
George Osgood, services as superintending committee, part of the year 1875,	6 00
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	\$1498 00

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Auditors for 1874,	2 00
J. L. Beckett, printing town accounts for 1874,	20 00
J. L. Eaton, discount on his due bill agreea- ble to a vote of the town, at the annual meeting in March 1874,	12 69
W. W. Stickney, advice as to non-resident taxes,	2 00
Geo. E. Lane, blanks, books & stationery.	5 41
P. Webster Locke's bill,	18 00
A. R. Wiggin, for a set of walnut coffin resters,	5 25
Gilman Marston, services as counsel in the case of town against S. B. Austin,	16 81
Samuel B. Austin, collecting taxes in the year 1873, in full,	50 00

Paid J. F. Blake, his proportion of the school money in Dist. No. 2, for the current year, agreeable to a vote of the town,	3 43
J. A. Blake, going to Concord to settle with State Treasurer,	5 00
Thomas H. Blake, services as town clerk,	26 85
I. T. Purinton, painting guide boards,	1 50
Daniel G. York, damage done by dogs to his sheep,	12 00
Daniel S. Mace, damage done by dogs to his sheep,	20 00
Wiggin & Fernald, advice as to tax against heirs of Sally Boardman,	2 00
D. S. Mace, damages to himself and sleigh on account of a defect in the highway,	15 00
C. E. Tuck, services as moderator,	1 00
“ Repairing town house,	70
“ Cleaning “	50
C. D. Wadleigh, in full, collecting taxes for the year 1875,	60 00
B. F. Austin, in part collecting taxes for the year 1872,	85
W. S. Hobbs, for maintaining a public wa- tering trough,	2 00.
John French, for maintaining a public wa- tering trough,	2 00
Ira Fellows, attending with the hearse, at eleven funerals,	13 75
Stephen Green, for making taxes and re- cording invoice,	10 00
N. G. Gilman and others, their non-resi- dent highway taxes,	30 29
	\$339 03

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid John Collins, boarding Ruth Rowe, from March 12, 1875, to March 1st, 1876 in full,	\$160 00
S. H. Piper, 14 yards cotton flannel, for under garments for Ruth Rowe,	2 90
Mary Brown, making under garments for Ruth Rowe,	1 00
John G. Dow, boarding and nursing Gardner Green, from March 20, to Sept. 12, 1875, at three dollars per week,	75 00
John G. Dow, boarding and nursing Gardner Green, from Sept. 12, to Oct. 17, at five dollars per week,	25 00
John G. Dow, five nights watching,	5 00
“ extra washing,	15 04
Funeral expenses of Gardner Green,	14 00
Dr. C. H. Sanborn, medical attendance on Gardner Green,	1 00
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	\$300 19

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid B. F. Lovering, repairing a stone bridge,	14 00
John F. Gill, labor and materials in putting up railing on the highway,	19 91
Daniel G. York, labor and materials in repairing a stone bridge,	8 50
Joseph Poor, extra labor on the highway,	14 00
John A. Blake, “	7 00
C. W. Foss, “	4 80
A. T. Rowe, labor and materials in repairing highways and bridges,	15 93
S. M. Kimball, repairing stone bridge,	1 50
William Rowe, extra labor on highway,	1 00

Paid E. A. Tilton, repairing and railing bridges,	5 00
Clinton Gove, damage to his plow, while	
working on the highway,	1 50
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	\$93 14

## FOR MAKING SNOW PATHS.

Paid B. F. Lovering, making snow paths in March,	
1875,	\$29 40
C. W. Foss,	12 60
J. W. Brown,	11 70
Amos T. Rowe,	39 75
Daniel R. Palmer,	23 00
Benjamin Moulton,	5 70
Jeremiah Tilton,	31 79
Daniel G. York,	14 25
John Collins,	15 15
B. G. Moulton,	6 60
Jared P. Smith,	3 15
Joseph Poor,	11 02
J. P. Lamprey,	5 00
David Webster,	3 45
S. P. Tucke,	17 50
C. C. Dow and Norris Robie,	11 00
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	\$241 06

## NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Thomas J. Kimball, note and interest,	\$1016 66
John L. Lamprey, " "	430 67
John L. Lamprey, interest,	269 98
T. K. Mace, "	15 00
E. B. Brown, "	60 00
H. P. Batchelder, "	60 00
Jeremiah Tilton, "	78 00
T. H. Kimball, "	60 00
Jos. N. Healey, "	87 00

Paid Stephen Green, interest,	24 00
Edmund Morrill, "	60 00
Caroline Gove, "	12 00
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\$2173 31

Extra interest on account of the taxation of Town Notes.	
Paid John L. Lamprey, extra interest,	56 43
Jeremiah Tilton, "	30 29
Joseph N. Healey, "	33 78
T. H. Kimball, "	19 50
T. J. Kimball, "	18 10
E. B. Brown, "	18 10
Stephen Green, "	9 32
T. K. Mace, "	5 82
Caroline Gove, "	4 66
62 44	
61 61	\$196 00

## ABATEMENTS.

Paid C. M. Evans, dog tax, 1873,	1 00
Hannah Rowe, " "	1 00
Ira Fellows, " "	1 00
Fred Hirsch, poll tax, 1873,	2 93
Thomas M. Evans, " "	2 93
Mark J. Cilley, " "	2 93
Abraham F. Eaton, " 1872,	2 59
Philip Brown, in part "	50
M. J. Wadleigh, " "	60
Henry W. Eldridge, " 1771,	3 93
William E. Brown, " 1870,	3 06
Stephen R. Brown, " "	3 00
George A. Gaston, " "	3 00
William Bedell, "	60
Charles O. Chase, "	3 00
James Johnson, "	40
S. P. Tilton, over rated and abated in 1875,	4 97
E. A. Tilton, " " "	43

S. M. Kimball, cow that died,	"	90
C. C. Dow, 2 cows,	"	1 42
Hyla D. Peacock, dog tax,	"	1 00
R. K. Hilliard,	"	1 00
Edward A. Stevens, overtaxed and abated,		2 18
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		\$44 45

## SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Paid Selectmen for their services for the year 1875,	93 00
"    making valuation of real estate in	
September, 1875,	62 60
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	\$155 60

## TREASURER'S BILLS

Paid, J. A. Blake, services as treasurer,	20 00
"    time and expenses paying notes	
and interest,	10 00
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	30 00

## TOWN DEBT.

The principal is in nine notes and two town bonds,	13622 00
Interest on notes and bonds to March 1, 1876,	597 57
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Total,	\$14219 57
Assets,	2629 90
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Reduction of debt the past year,	955 18
Balance in hands of treasurer in cash,	2049 28
Remaining in hands of collector for 1870,	10 44
"    "    "    "    1875,	570 18
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	\$2629 90

STEPHEN GREEN, } Selectmen  
JOHN A. BLAKE, } of  
JOHN F. GILL, } Kensington.

Having examined the foregoing accounts we find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

A. G. M. TITCOMB,     } Auditors.  
DANIEL E. PALMER,     }

# REPORT

OF THE

## Superintending School Committee.

Gentlemen: Our schools in the summer autumn were under the superintendence of Miss Carrie S. Dickson, a young woman of superior general intelligence; and from what I have learned of their management, I can speak well of their condition and progress.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Harrison Rowe, Prudential Committee.

Miss Laura J. Smith, Teacher.

Summer Term. Wages \$40 per month; length, 20 weeks; whole number of pupils, 44; average  $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

Winter Term: Length, 14 weeks; whole number of pupils, 42; average 36. Pupils not absent during the year, Cora E. Wadleigh, Ruth C. Wadleigh and Hiram E. Prescott. Pupils absent only one day, Mary J. Prescott and Frank H. Poor.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Samuel Lamprey, Prudential Committee.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Sarah Hilliard, Teacher.

Summer Term: Wages \$25 per month; length, 16 weeks; Whole number of pupils, 23; average attendance, 19.

Winter Term: Wages, \$25 per month; length, 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  weeks. Whole number of pupils, 24; average 20  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Julia A. Dow, Teacher.

Summer Term: Wages \$25 per month; length 16 weeks; whole number of pupils, 28; average 16. Winter Term: Mrs. Maria P. Sawyer, Teacher. Wages \$25 per month; length, 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  weeks; whole number of pupils, 13; average 10.

In the west school the average attendance has not been so good as usual; and parents and guardians should remember that they are liable to a fine if the children under their care do not attend school, three months in a year, unless they can give satisfactory reasons for their neglect to the Superintending School Committee. As the year does not end until September, nothing more need be said to those who are legally and morally responsible for the education of their children. Our teachers, in the instruction and government of their schools, seem well to have sustained their past reputations and should be commended for their ability and success. Teachers who have gained the confidence, sympathy and good will of their pupils, and have carefully observed and studied the natures and the influences that effect the formation of their characters must have greater success, in their work, than strangers of equal ability and education. In selecting and retaining teachers, the greatest care and insight should be used. Teachers should be selected, not only be-

cause they have the education and ability to instruct and govern their schools, but also for the purity and excellence of their moral characters. The influence of a pure and noble life, in the school and in the home will not merely be seen in the conduct of the child, but, also in the character of the community. When we are startled and shocked by the daily revelations, fraud, corruption, crime, and some men even speak lightly of morality, we should see that the children are governed, guided and inspired, with the spirit of purity, righteousness and truth! In our schools some attention has been paid to drawing, music and elocution. These studies not only interest and delight the children, but aid them in the development and cultivation of their minds. The love for the beautiful is a sentiment, that must make human life better and happier. Every picture in the drawing book, every song sung at the opening and closing exercises, every gem of poetry that is learned and recited must have an influence in awakening and cultivating the thoughts and feelings of the child. The Centennial year should remind us of the high place, which the common school holds in the American Republic. A government that gives a good education to every child within its borders, is doing the best thing that it can for its own growth, freedom and prosperity. While the ignorant are cheated and corrupted by unprincipled leaders. The intelligent citizens who will sell neither their votes, nor their manhood, can understand the principles, which will most truly promote the public welfare. In common with the whole country, we should begin the new century with new interest in the education of the people. It should be the settled policy of our national government to see that every child is well educated. The emigrants from Europe and Asia, the freedmen of the South and the Indians of the west, will all give more strength, permanence and prosperity to our nation if they are educated in our schools. If we would seek the best interests of our town (the section of the country left peculiarly to our care) and give its people the intelligence and virtue, which belong to the truest manhood we should support and encourage the friends of education.

G. OSGOOD, Superintending School Committee.